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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, please amend the above application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

D1 6. (Amended three times) An isolated peptide having the amino acid sequence defined under any of SEQ ID NO:35 to SEQ ID NO:38 or SEQ ID NO:41 or a salt of said peptide, wherein the peptide has cortistatin or somatostatin activity.

D2 24. (twice amended) A kit for screening for a compound, or a salt thereof, which is capable of modifying the binding of the peptide or salt claimed in Claim 1 to a